Marketing and export schemes **for handlooms**

2636. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given its nod to a proposal of the Textile Ministry for implementation of a marketing and export promotion scheme for handlooms during the Eleventh Plan period with an outlay of Rs. 230 crore.

(b) whether out of the 230 crore Rs. 205 crore has been earmarked for marketing promotion component and the balance of Rs. 25 crore would be for handlooms export promotion;

(c) whether assistance under the scheme is expected to benefit more than 27 lakh handloom weavers; and

(d) if so, to what extent this scheme has so far been helpful and what are the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 57 National Handlooms Expos/Special Handloom Expos, 272 district level Events, 7 Craft Melas, 1 Master Creation Programme, 1 handloom Export Project and participation in 05 international fairs and exhibitions have been approved for the year 2007-08 in order to provide a platform to weavers to sell their products. A sum of Rs. 23.43 crore has been released to various States, State agencies for the components under Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme including Handloom Mark.

12.00 NOON

(MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Memorandum of Understanding 2008-09 between the GOl and Garden Reach and Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., Kolkata, and MoU 2008-09 between GOl and GSL, Goa.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production and the Garden Reach and Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, for the year 2008-2009). [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8542/08]

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production) and the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa, for the year 2008-2009. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8541/08]